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Docket No.: 53786US012**Amendment Transmittal Letter**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Inventor(s): Mark D. Gehlsen and Bradley S. Momchilovich
Application No. 09/714,658 Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: November 16, 2000 Examiner: V. Chang
Title: ARTICLES THAT INCLUDE A POLYMER FOAM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Signed by: Judy L. Hansen

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 9, 2003, the following Amendment and Response is submitted. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 27 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer. Amend claims 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-26, 43, 47, 49, and 50. Add new claims 51-60.

1. (Amended once) A foam article comprising a polymer foam, said polymer foam having at least one of its major surfaces smooth to an Ra value less than about 75 micrometers, as measured by laser triangulation profilometry,
said polymer foam comprising a homogeneous distribution of a plurality of thermoplastic expandable polymeric microspheres,
wherein said plurality of expandable polymeric microspheres are at least partially expanded.

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